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VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP RESERVOIR COMMITTEE
 FEBRUARY 9, 2012 MEETING - Approved March 8, 2012
 Town Hall Annex, Second Floor

In attendance: Cathy Garnett, Martine Gougault, Elizabeth Karpati, Ann LeRoyer, Stephan Miller, Michael Ratner, David White.

Facilitator: David White Minutes: Elizabeth Karpati

Next meetings: 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14,
 Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conference Room.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

Financial report: David presented a detailed report for the habitat garden. Highlights: Total expenses so far \$4524, year-end contributions \$600, balance \$1981 + \$220 credit at Lalicata.

Thefts have occurred repeatedly; by the end of September practically all the shrubs had been taken. Martine now estimates the total loss at up to \$800.

Replacement shrubs: Martine will make a list of what to get. The smaller they are, the less tempting to thieves.

The time to plant them will be early June, but preparation and cleanup can start much earlier, in late March.

A surveillance camera to try to catch the thieves has been suggested, but the cost vs. the cost of plants saved would have to be considered.

Permanent sign for the garden: It will be 12 x 18", green with white lettering. We selected the typeface for it

Vision 2020 year-end event: It was planned at the habitat garden last year but got rained out; in 2012 it could be tried there again.

Mats to minimize damage from the machinery to harvest water chestnuts: Mats are 4 x 8', cost \$235 each. About 30 would be needed. They can be rented, but the cost of repeated rentals adds up, and if the Town bought the mats, they would be available for other projects.

Warrant article requesting \$50,000 for the water bodies fund: It will be presented to the Finance Committee on Monday, February 27. David, Martine, and Elizabeth will attend.

Calendar: Cost at Arlington Litho would be \$9 – 14 each, depending on the number ordered, about \$10 each for 250 copies. We need another estimate, e.g. from Swifty.

EcoFest, March 31: The habitat garden provides food for wildlife, so it ties in with the EcoFest theme of food. We could use the trifold display from Town Day. David will ask the organizers to put the Res together with groups like the Con Com.

Tabled for the next meeting: Improved fencing (Martine will measure how much is needed). Possible day for cleanup and spreading woodchips on trail.

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